

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Without prejudice, the specification and claims have been amendment to correct typographical mistakes and inconsistencies. Additionally, new Claims 14 through 19 have been added which set forth the process of preparing the composition of Claim 1 and its dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 5 and 8-13 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-3, 12-14 and 16-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,362,280. In response, without addressing the merits of the examiner's findings of obviousness, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to the '280 patent. The Examiner's rejection of these claims is therefore obviated and the claims should be allowed.

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In light of the amendment and remarks above, applicants request that the examiner withdraw the rejection and allow the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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